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SADAT'S LINK OF PALESTINIAN STATE AND JORDAN

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1. THE COMMUNIQUE FOR THE JANUARY 2 CABINET SESSION
CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REACTION BY FOREIGN
MINISTER ALLON TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S WASHINGTON POST INTER-
VIEW. (REFTEL)

2. BEGIN TEXT
WITH REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S STATEMENTS, AS QUOTED
IN THE ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON POST, THE FOREIGN MINISTER
SAID THEY CONTAINED A HINT OF READINESS FOR A FORMAL LINK
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BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND THE STATE OF JORDAN--SOMETHING
THAT IS POSSIBLY IN THE NATURE OF A FIRST MOVE IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION. PRESIDENT SADAT HAD ADMITTEDLY MADE
STATEMENTS OF A SIMILAR NATURE IN THE PAST, RETRACTING
HIS WORDS ON OTHER OCCASIONS. HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT
HE DEEMED IT RIGHT TO REITERATE AND SPEAK OF THE
POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE PALESTINIAN

ISSUE--WAS NOT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE, NAMELY, A THIRD STATE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN--A PROPOSAL WHICH ISRAEL, AS IS KNOWN, OPPOSES.

3. INsofar AS THE TIMING WAS CONCERNED, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID, PRESIDENT SADAT'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CONCEIVABLY DESIGNED TO RAISE HOPES IN JORDAN THAT IT WAS BOUND EVENTUALLY TO RETURN TO THE PICTURE--AS WELL AS POSSIBLY BEING ADDRESSED TO VARIOUS ELEMENTS IN THE ADMINISTERED AREAS, THAT THEY REFRAIN FROM GOING TOO FAR IN COMMITMENTS TOWARDS THE PLO.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER QUOTED ACCREDITED PLO SPOKESMEN, WHO REJECTED THE IDEA OF THE LINK BETWEEN THE PALESTINIAN STATE AND JORDAN.

5. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT IN THE AFOREMENTIONED INTERVIEW, PRESIDENT SADAT RAISES A LIST OF RIGID PRIOR CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATION WITH ISRAEL--BEING TANTAMOUNT TO A DIKTAT WISHING TO DETERMINE BEFOREHAND THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATION,BEFORE IT IS OPENED.

6. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S MOVE IS AIMED, INTER ALIA, AT INVITING AMERICAN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL.

7. REMARKING THAT THERE WAS AN AMERICAN COMMITMENT
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TO THE HOLDING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT THE EMPLOYMENT OF PRESSURE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED: OVER WHAT ISRAEL SHOULD AND CAN COMPROMISE, IT WILL DO SO WITHOUT PRESSURE, WHEREAS OVER WHAT IT CANNOT POSSIBLY COMPROMISE--SUCH AS ON THE SUBJECT OF DEFENSIBLE BORDERS--IT WILL NOT COMPROMISE DESPITE PRESSURE."

8. REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY MINISTER ISRAEL GALILI, THE PRIME MINISTER AS WELL AS THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STIPULATED THAT NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER HAD OCCURRED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND--ANCHORED IN ITS RESOLUTIONS--ON THE SUBJECT OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. ISRAEL'S STAND IS:

- (1) ISRAEL WILL CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ONLY WITH SOVEREIGN STATES.
- (2) THE NEGOTIATIONS OVER ISRAEL'S EASTERN BORDER WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT.

(3) ISRAEL WILL NOT OBJECT TO THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION
TO THE NEGOTIATION INCLUDING ACCREDITED PALESTINIAN
REPRESENTATIVES, RESIDENTS OF JORDAN AND/OR JUDEA
AND SAMARIA. END OF TEXT.

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